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This book is a collection of the invitation papers presented at the program of the Golden Jubilee of Genetics at Ohio State University in September, 1950. The series of 26 essays covers the progress of genetics during its first fifty years following the rediscovery of Mendel's work in 1900. The introductory paper by Goldschmidt discusses the impact of genetics on the other sciences. In the following papers the subjects treated include the life of Mendel, genetics before 1900, the early development of genetics in America after 1900, the development of the gene theory, and the development and current status of research in biometrical genetics, cytogenetics, physiological genetics, human genetics, animal and plant breeding, and population genetics. The authors are in most cases the outstanding contributions to their particular fields.

The book should prove of value to geneticists anxious to keep abreast of developments in special fields other than their own. In addition the treatment is general enough for the most part to make the book useful to non-geneticists who wish to know the directions which research is taking in this most central of the biological sciences.

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